AD HOC REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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- 1 public hearing. So this is not the time today for
- 2 public input; however, we are going to discuss that on
- 3 our agenda items in terms of trying to come up with
- 4 some dates and some locations further on in the meeting
- 5 for public input at various locations around the city.
- 6 So I just wanted to establish that as the protocol,
- 7 that this is an open hearing and everybody is welcome
- 8 to be here, but it is more like a work session and not
- 9 a public hearing for public input. Any
- 10 questions/concerns/issues regarding that? No.
- 11 We have an agenda that has been handed out. I
- would hope that each committee member has a copy of
- 13 that agenda and those personnel. We just need at this
- 14 particular time, just need to adopt this particular
- 15 agenda before we can move forward, so I will look for a
- 16 motion to adopt the agenda.
- 17 MR. BRIGHAM: So moved.
- 18 MS. SIMS: Second.
- MR. MASON: We have a motion of second. Is there
- 20 any further discussion? Hearing none, committee
- 21 member--you guys have a certain--a show of hands?
- 22 Yeas/nays. None. Do we have someone recording the
- 23 votes?
- MS. BATLEY: We do.
- MR. MASON: Okay, all right. Fantastic. So our

- 1 first order of business then is an explanation of
- 2 incumbency in future elections by Linda Meggers.
- 3 MS. MEGGERS: They said that there have been
- 4 several questions, so let's just kind of start from the
- 5 top and go down with various things. And if I've left
- 6 something out or have not answered a question that you
- 7 had, then please ask me. First of all, I think one of
- 8 the questions I was asked is do incumbents have to be
- 9 protected, is that a law. Well, the only incumbents
- 10 that are protected in a plan legally is that we cannot
- 11 shorten someone's term. So for those incumbents whose
- 12 term doesn't expire till 2014, we cannot shorten their
- 13 term. We've got to figure out a way to put them in a
- 14 district that they can complete their term. Now, as we
- 15 go through plans what happens if we put incumbents
- 16 together who are term limits. Well, term limits--that
- is not an issue for us. If somebody's at the end of a
- 18 term limit and they cannot run again, well, then
- 19 obviously that is not an issue. Let's say, though,
- 20 that we had two people whose terms expired in 2012 that
- 21 we put together. Well, we're not shortening their
- 22 terms. We've put them together; they both can run.
- 23 They'd have to run against one another and they would
- 24 both be the incumbent in that district. If there were
- 25 an issue where we put somebody in a district--two

- 1 people in a district and one whose term was not over
- 2 till 2012 and the other one whose term was expiring in
- 3 2012--I mean the first one whose term was not over till
- 4 2014 and we paired them with somebody whose term was
- 5 expiring in 2012, that person whose term is expiring in
- 6 2012 cannot run until 2014. They'd have to lay out of
- 7 office for two years and then they would run in that
- 8 election. They would no longer be the incumbent,
- 9 though the person whose term is over in 2014 would. In
- 10 that election that would be the incumbent in that
- 11 district. Otherwise, keeping incumbents apart, et
- 12 cetera, is, you know, a political decision. Normally,
- 13 going through I try to keep everybody in a district.
- 14 You know, sometimes that's not possible or it may be a
- political decision that the committee makes as they're
- 16 trying to work out districts that work for the
- 17 community.
- 18 Are there any questions about that?
- MR. MASON: Linda, I have a question in reference
- 20 to--I'm going to take myself for an example. I'll give
- 21 you a situation here. I live off Windsor Spring not
- 22 too far from Willis Foreman Road which 8 and also
- 23 district 6 borders. As a county commissioner, my terms
- 24 are limited and I'm on my last term. Now, I know you
- 25 said you can't cut a term short so that means if--and

- 1 I'm on a borderline. If my area was chosen or needed
- 2 to create the criteria that we were looking for for the
- 3 redistricting. Now, you're saying that I couldn't be
- 4 cut out because I have two years or three years left
- 5 remaining, or that I could still be cut out and I could
- 6 finish those three years--I mean what are you saying
- 7 there?
- 8 MS. MEGGERS: You could be--let's say that we took
- 9 where you live--
- 10 MR. MASON: Right.
- 11 MS. MEGGER: -- and we moved it into an adjacent
- 12 district.
- MR. MASON: District 8 let's say.
- MS. MEGGERS: Okay. And let's say District 8,
- that person has a term that's expiring in 2012?
- 16 MR. MASON: 2014. As well as--
- MS. MEGGERS: Well, then that would be--
- 18 MR. MASON: --I do.
- 19 MS. MEGGERS: I cannot put two people together
- 20 whose terms don't expire till 2014.
- 21 MR. MASON: So the fact that I was elected in
- 22 district 4 and if that were to move then as far as
- 23 serving time on the commission, that would have to end
- 24 because I would now be in a new district is what you're
- 25 saying.

- 1 MS. MEGGERS: No.
- 2 MR. MASON: No?
- 3 MS. MEGGERS: Incumbents can be put together in
- 4 another district with a different district number --
- 5 MR. MASON: Right.
- MS. MEGGERS: -- and they can still run and they 6
- 7 would still be the incumbent. The problem of the
- 8 example that you gave me--you said put you into another
- district where I'd have two of you whose term did not 9
- 10 expire till 2014. I cannot do that.
- 11 MR. MASON: You cannot do that.
- 12 MS. MEGGERS: Because I would be shortening one
- 13 or--you'd have to run against each other or whatever.
- 14 So that can't happen.
- 15 MR. MASON: Okay, thank you. Go ahead, Jerry.
- 16 MR. BRIGHAM: Ms. Meggers, what is the effective
- 17 date of the new--
- 18 MS. MEGGERS: Plans.
- MR. BRIGHAM: --plan? My term is up in December 19
- of 2012. When the lines are drawn are they changing 20
- 21 the 2012 ending date of my district or are they making
- 22 a new district that will become effective January the
- 23 1st of 2013?
- 2.4 MS. MEGGERS: The legal time that these districts
- 25 take effect is when those people take office in 2013,

- 1 after the election of 2012. On a practical basis, Ms.
- 2 Bailey has to start using these lines to run elections
- 3 on for the 2012 elections. So when you qualify in 2012
- 4 for the twenty--for those elections, it will be based
- 5 on these new lines. You'll campaign in those districts
- 6 but those districts officially take effect when you
- 7 take office in January of 2013.
- 8 MR. MASON: Any other questions for Linda on the
- 9 incumbency in future elections? All right. Linda,
- 10 thank you. We can move on to the presentation of the
- 11 proposed draft plan. Drum roll, bugle call.
- MS. MEGGERS: I was going to say there have been
- 13 lots of questions and I hope anticipation and not
- 14 anxiety. What I want to do first is kind of summarize
- 15 the plan and go over the stat sheet before I put the
- 16 map up, because from past experience of 30-something
- 17 years, as soon as I put the map up that becomes the
- 18 thing and nobody listens to the rest of it.
- MR. MASON: Thank you.
- MS. MEGGERS: So before I get to that, let's talk
- 21 about some of the facts about the case. Before we ever
- 22 go there I will tell you that this plan is just
- 23 maintaining what you have. You're not going to see
- 24 anything that's drastic as far as changes. As best I
- 25 could, except for where I have to make changes for

- 1 population reasons, it maintains the cores of the
- 2 existing districts. The incumbents are all maintained
- 3 in the districts that they represent now, whether they
- 4 have term limits or terms expiring or whatever.
- 5 They're all maintained in the districts that they
- 6 presently represent. It's basically built on
- 7 precincts. There are two split precincts; one which I
- 8 had to do for one person/one vote and one that has a
- 9 technical problem because of the census. And I will go
- 10 over more specifically when we get to that district in
- 11 the discussion.
- 12 Deviation--as you will see, I did not ignore your
- 13 direction of plus or minus 2 percent, as you can see
- 14 where two districts go over that number by a slight
- 15 amount. We'll talk about those and what the deal is
- and I'm going to probably ask the committee to help
- 17 make some decisions and direction as to how to cure
- 18 that if you want to get it under the 2 percent. But as
- 19 you see, the deviation range runs from minus 2.29 to a
- 20 plus 2.41 which overall is less than 5 percent. It's a
- 21 4.69 overall deviation range, which is a very good
- deviation, just by seven-tenths of a point of the
- 23 guideline that you gave me last week or the week
- 24 before.
- 25 The--if we go through--one thing I wanted to call

- 1 your attention to is that you have the stat sheet in
- 2 your folders from last week that shows you the all or
- 3 part black and the percent black on your current plan.
- 4 If you go and now look at this stat sheet as compared
- 5 to that, you will see that under district 1, for
- 6 example, under the current plan it's--I'm going to do
- 7 this in round numbers to make it easier for you.
- 8 Easier for me, actually. It's 65 percent while under
- 9 the proposed plan that district is 66.41, so almost--
- 10 it's a slight--
- MS. BAILEY: Your--the old plan is under tab F in
- 12 your notebook.
- MS. MEGGERS: District 2, all or part black
- 14 percentage under the current plan is 77 percent. Under
- 15 this plan it's 75 percent. Under district 3 the
- 16 current plan is 42 percent; the proposed plan is 38
- 17 percent. The district 4 was in round numbers 79
- 18 percent and in round numbers if you round off the
- 19 proposed plan, it's 79 percent. District 5 was at
- 20 almost 76; it's 77 under this working proposal.
- 21 District 6 was at 53 percent and it's now at 53
- 22 percent, virtually no change. District 7 for the time
- 23 being is one of the ones that goes over slightly 2
- 24 percent. I have not changed that district from the
- 25 current district so it remains at the 29.07 percent all

- 1 or part black. And in district 8 was 33 percent; now
- 2 it's 31 and a half percent. So you can see from just
- 3 the numbers, et cetera, that we have pretty much
- 4 maintained what you currently have.
- Now, do you want to hand out the maps, Travis.
- 6 Travis is—they—the IT folks at the Richmond-Augusta
- 7 have done a fantastic--they have printed individual
- 8 maps that I think are enough detail that it will help
- 9 you as I go through looking at the larger map. And I'm
- 10 going to wait till he has those--all of you have those.
- Now, on the screen that's in front of you and then
- 12 I think on the maps that Travis is handing out to you
- 13 you've got the map. The heavy black lines that you see
- on the maps, those are your current district lines so
- that it will be more easily seen where I have made
- 16 changes. So let's look at district 1. District 1 is
- 17 sort of a dog-leg, to use a golfing term here. It
- 18 comes down toward the airport on the side but there's
- 19 not much population. So basically the core of district
- 20 1 is what I call downtown. And in order to--it was the
- 21 district with the biggest deviation. It was short 17
- 22 percent, the biggest minus deviation. So it has picked
- 23 up two precincts from district 2. You can see it here
- 24 and here. And I think they also have a list.
- MS. BAILEY: Just behind your plan 1 stats there's

- 1 another report that's called plan components report,
- 2 and that report lists each individual district and the
- 3 precincts that are included in those districts within
- 4 the plan 1 that's being presented now. And I'll remind
- 5 you--and I'm sure you all know this but I'll remind you
- 6 that as you look at those precinct numbers remember
- 7 that the first digit of that three-digit number is in
- 8 fact the commission school board number so precinct
- 9 101, for instance, is in the first district. Likewise,
- 10 precinct 301 is in the third and so on. So you can see
- 11 from looking at that it gives you a list of precincts
- 12 that have moved and where they've moved to.
- MR. MEGGERS: So for district 1, it maintained
- 14 everything it already had and it picked up these two
- precincts here from the edge of District 2. District 2
- 16 as we set out was already short; it was short 11
- 17 percent so obviously it's going to be a little bit more
- 18 lacking in population. So I went into district 5 for
- 19 that, working my way up to where I'm going to have the
- 20 districts with the biggest overreach in population.
- 21 Now--so it goes in and picks up right here along the
- 22 edge here of district 5. Now, I want you to notice
- 23 this area where the hand is--notches as Lynn calls it.
- 24 This precinct is drawn incorrectly on the census data.
- 25 Part of that was just a mistake. It should on this

- 1 edge--see where the corner is right here. This is
- 2 what, North Leg, I think. This area here should have
- 3 gone this way and this precinct should end here.
- 4 That's not so much the problem. There's only about six
- 5 persons that live beyond that. But see this right
- 6 This is a leftover from the old Augusta city
- 7 limits lines and it took a while to get the old city
- limits lines off the census maps, okay. There were 8
- 9 still--vestiges of them were still left on the 2000
- 10 census and therefore precincts -- and in the hurried days
- of the--last days of the session in 2001, et cetera, 11
- 12 that got picked up. In fact, it was used in 2000 and --
- 13 let's see. In 1990 this ended up being sort of a
- 14 district boundary for some of it, et cetera. Well, the
- lines should really go out somewhere like this and back 15
- 16 around. But the line that it should follow no longer
- 17 exists because it was an imaginary city limits line--
- 18 not imaginary. It followed parcel lines but it's not a
- visible ground feature which is what the census bureau 19
- 20 requires for a census block boundary. And it's also
- 21 what Ms. Bailey has to have for a precinct boundary.
- 22 It has to be a visible ground feature except for city
- 23 limits line. Well, this no longer qualifies. So when
- 2.4 the redistricting office in Atlanta had to submit
- 25 precinct lines to the census bureau, they went to the

- 1 nearest visible feature, which is what you see here.
- 2 The only reason it's there and like that is because
- 3 it's leftover from all these old redistricting--it's
- 4 not a boundary that's going to be used for a House,
- 5 Senate or congressional district coming up. And as you
- 6 can see, this is Gordon Highway. This area is much
- 7 better served by being in district 2. And when I was
- 8 working on the plan I really thought I had kept the
- 9 precinct together. Ms. Bailey is the one that pointed
- 10 out to me that there had been this error over here.
- 11 But I discussed with her and I looked at the numbers.
- 12 We can move that area very easily into district 2 but
- 13 it puts us, again, slightly over that 2 percent
- 14 deviation range that you gave to me. But that would
- use Gordon Highway; those folks would be voting back up
- in their neighborhood and then we could leave this
- 17 here. These folks belong south so that would be a nice
- 18 boundary. But it's something I needed some input from
- 19 you because it would create a deviation that was
- 20 slightly larger than the 2 percent range that you had
- 21 given me. So that's that area of district 2.
- MS. BAILEY: And let me just add too, that moving
- 23 that line down to the Gordon Highway would also split a
- 24 precinct. But I will say for the record that that is a
- 25 good split. It used to be, up until this

- 1 redistricting, it was a congressional line that it
- 2 followed up in there. But now that Richmond County is
- 3 back in one congressional district, there's no need to
- 4 have that separation there at all. So it really does
- 5 help put that area back together.
- 6 MR. MASON: And that was part of the question I
- 7 was going to ask. Did it split a precinct. So now
- 8 I've got the answer to that. And the other part of
- 9 that question was you said there was a deviation. How
- 10 much deviation is it? What kind of numbers are we
- 11 looking at?
- MS. MEGGERS: I think if I did that it would take
- 13 district--one of those districts to a 2.37 so just
- 14 slightly over the 2 percent. But right now district 2
- is a minus 1.57. It would go up slightly. It would
- 16 be--in fact, it would end up zero point something. But
- 17 district 5 I think is a minus .91. I think it goes
- 18 slightly over the 2 percent. Here, let me just show
- 19 you. District 2 would then be a minus .22 percent and
- 20 district 5 would be a minus 2.27, so it would be about
- 21 a quarter percent over the 2 percent range that you
- 22 gave me.
- MR. MASON: But it splits the precinct?
- MR. MEGGERS: Well, actually, what it would end up
- 25 doing for Ms. Bailey would be being able to take--that

- 1 is a precinct she would probably like to get rid of.
- 2 We could--it would help her consolidate. You could
- 3 come up with one less precinct. Use Gordon Highway,
- 4 which is a very natural boundary for her precincts, and
- 5 then there's one little area down here with six people
- 6 that would just be included in that and it would really
- 7 be a better line for precincting.
- 8 MS. SIMS: How many people?
- 9 MR. MASON: Six.
- 10 MS. BAILEY: And, Mr. Chair, if I might add--
- MR. MASON: Yes.
- MS. BAILEY: The two precincts that are involved
- there, the 508 and 509, they vote in the same polling
- 14 location, so for the voters it wouldn't impact the
- 15 voters other than the bottom half, the area south of
- 16 the Gordon Highway, would move to district 5--2.
- 17 What--excuse me, the area north of the Gordon Highway
- would move into district 2 from district 5, that little
- 19 nook that's up in there.
- MR. PADGETT: I see no reason not to do that. It
- 21 makes sense to go along a major highway.
- MR. DOLAN: There are six people.
- MR. MASON: I don't--I don't see a problem with
- 24 that. Yes, sir.
- MR. DAVIS: So I think you're going to find

- 1 consensus on that in terms of being able to do that.
- 2 Our posture today as you've outlined on the protocol
- 3 for today is that we'll take this for information into
- 4 our next meeting. So do note in the record that this
- 5 is one of those alternatives that we will explore
- 6 before--
- 7 MR. MASON: Absolutely. Thank you.
- 8 MS. BAILEY: So noted.
- 9 MS. MEGGERS: Now, looking at district 3, it was
- 10 the district with the largest overage. It was over by
- 11 almost a fifth of a district, 19 percent. So we have
- 12 had to lose and I took it right here in this bottom
- 13 area. Now, this is where the other split precinct is.
- 14 You can see where the downgrade should be. It was a
- 15 very large precinct geographically and I used--it's
- 16 been a while. I can't remember the street names. Let
- me go and look. Wrightsboro Road--well, it's
- 18 Wrightsboro to Belair out to Dyess Parkway and then
- 19 back up. So it's a very clean line. It's very--major
- 20 features easily definable and, Ms. Bailey, it would be
- 21 an easy line to be able to define the votes for. But
- 22 that is the second of the split precincts, all the
- 23 precincts at this point. That's--this is district 3.
- MR. MURPHY: Ms. Meggers.
- MS. MEGGERS: Yes.

- 1 MR. MURPHY: District 3, are both of those persons
- 2 eligible for reelection? Are they incumbents? I'm not
- 3 sure.
- 4 MS. BAILEY: District 3 commissioner is Joe Bowles
- 5 and he is not eligible; he's term-limited. District 5
- 6 is the district into which those voters would move and
- 7 that is Mr. Lockett's district and he is not term-
- 8 limited. He's eligible for another term. And of
- 9 course the Board of Education has no term limits, so
- 10 it's--it wouldn't impact them at all.
- MR. MEGGERS: District 4 was another district that
- 12 was a larger deviation. I believe it was upward by
- 13 plus 13 percent, so we had to move population. I
- 14 dropped out just one precinct and you'll see a star on
- 15 this map which is a superdistrict school board member.
- 16 But he would still be in the same combo of districts
- 17 that he's in so he is not affected by the change in
- 18 this one precinct.
- MS. BAILEY: So this is a school board
- 20 superdistrict member that even though they would be
- 21 moved from single-member districts 4 to 5, they're
- 22 still in the same superdistrict, so no change for that
- 23 commissioner--I mean for that school board member?
- MR. DAVIS: Who was that?
- MR. MASON: Is that—it's got to be Venus on that

- 1 one.
- 2 MS. BAILEY: It is Ms. Cain.
- 3 MR. MASON: And just for the point of record, so
- 4 there's clarity, I actually live on 4504 Frank Warren
- 5 Drive, versus Frank Wilson. I'm not even sure where
- 6 that is.
- 7 MS. BAILEY: Okay. We've corrected that on one
- 8 table. Thank you. Obviously, we--
- 9 MR. MASON: Just for point--for clarity.
- 10 MS. BAILEY: Thank you very much.
- 11 MR. MASON: I can't run anymore.
- MS. BAILEY: Do we have you in the right place?
- MR. MASON: That is the right place. So 403 we
- 14 lost out of district 4?
- 15 MS. MEGGERS: Yes, sir.
- MR. MASON: And that area is the Barton Chapel
- 17 area--no, no, no. That's--
- MS. BAILEY: That would be Morgan Road Middle
- 19 School--
- MR. MASON: Morgan Road.
- 21 MS. BAILEY: --voting precinct.
- MS. MEGGERS: I've kind of zoomed in and you can
- 23 see the streets in that area now.
- MR. MASON: Is that Saddlebrook and--okay. So
- 25 none of Morgan Road would belong in district 4 after

- 1 this point?
- 2 MS. BAILEY: As--yes. This version of plan 1--
- 3 MR. MASON: Right.
- 4 MS. BAILEY: --is in fact just that, yes.
- 5 MR. MASON: The Barton Chapel, did we lose four--
- 6 no. That's the extent of it.
- 7 MR. PADGETT: The only thing--you lost 403.
- 8 MR. MASON: 403 took care of all the numbers that
- 9 we needed to lose?
- 10 MS. MEGGERS: Yeah. Just that one precinct out of
- 11 district 4. Let me go back out. District 4 was over
- 12 and I took out that one precinct and that put it back--
- 13 you can see District 4 is now 1.25 percent.
- MR. MASON: My other question on that is I see
- 15 that——if I'm looking at this correctly, I see Sand
- 16 Ridge which is off of Tobacco Road right there still
- 17 split.
- MS. BAILEY: That is in fact correct. The--this
- 19 version of plan 1 shows no change in the precinct line
- 20 that existed through Sand Ridge, so that neighborhood
- 21 split is just as it was. No change there.
- MR. PADGETT: A question there. What kind of
- 23 numbers of voters are we talking about in the split? I
- 24 mean you've combined it. I know part of it is 8 and
- 25 part of it's 4.

Page 22 1 MR. MEGGERS: Are you talking about voters or 2 total population? 3 MR. PADGETT: Population would be--MR. MEGGERS: 4 In this precinct here? I'm sorry, 5 Mr. Padgett. Will you tell me the question again? 6 MR. PADGETT: The part of Sand Ridge that is 7 split, what kind of numbers are we talking about? Не 8 showed me now--9 MS. MEGGERS: Are we going back up to this split 10 precinct here? 11 MR. PADGETT: 807. 12 MR. MASON: Right. 13 MR. PADGETT: But I quess that's a fairly large 14 number, but changing a precinct line there to include 15 them, how much would that -- just that neighborhood? 16 Because you're looking at a big--17 MR. MASON: Right. 18 MR. PADGETT: --plug. If you could cut that off--19 MS. MEGGERS: That total population in that area--20 you're talking about the split neighborhood, the 21 community that we're talking about. The area that is 22 not in district 4 has 2300 people in it. 23 MR. MASON: That is not in district 4? 2.4 MS. MEGGERS: That is not in District 4. 25 MS. BAILEY: That would be the area that's

- 1 currently in 807.
- 2 MR. MASON: Oh, that's--but that's including New
- 3 Karleen and all that, not just the Sand Ridge--
- 4 MS. BAILEY: That's correct.
- 5 MR. MASON: --subdivision itself.
- 6 MS. BAILEY: That's the Fort Gordon side.
- 7 MR. MASON: I think you were referencing the
- 8 subdivision--
- 9 MR. PADGETT: Just the subdivision.
- 10 MR. MASON: --of Sand Ridge where there's a half
- 11 portion of it, a third of it or so, is--
- MS. BAILEY: We can look at those numbers.
- MS. MEGGERS: Are you talking about right in this
- 14 area here? See where I'm moving the cursor. Is this--
- 15 show me a boundary line that would get that
- 16 subdivision.
- MR. MASON: Where is--
- MS. MEGGERS: Or is it this area right here?
- MR. MASON: What's the street coming in?
- 20 MR. DOSS: The street coming in is Crest Drive.
- 21 MS. MEGGERS: This area here.
- MR. PADGETT: I'm looking at perhaps moving just
- 23 the northern portion of the area next to Tobacco Road
- 24 across Tobacco Road -- across Old Tobacco Road into 408.
- MS. MEGGERS: Just a second. You list--let me do

- 1 it this way.
- 2 MR. PADGETT: Because those are pretty defined
- 3 boundaries as far as these communities are concerned
- 4 and that has been the one request that I've received as
- 5 far as please don't keep us split.
- 6 MR. DOLAN: So you want 807 and 408, is that what
- 7 you're saying?
- 8 MR. MASON: 406. There's 406 there and then
- 9 you've got 807.
- MR. PADGETT: 807. Just a part of 807 and put it
- into 406. Certainly they would have to cross Tobacco
- 12 Road, but.
- 13 MR. MASON: Frank, it's Sand Ridge subdivision
- 14 and it's split into two precincts. One-third of it
- 15 is--
- 16 MR. MEGGERS: Okay, yeah. I've just lit up one
- 17 census block.
- 18 MR. MASON: --district--
- MS. MEGGERS: Do you see this on your screen?
- MR. MASON: Okay.
- 21 MR. MEGGERS: And then I think he wants the block
- 22 with this, so this area right here is three census
- 23 blocks. Would that include the community that you're
- 24 talking about now?
- MS. BAILEY: Or is that more than what you were

- 1 talking about?
- 2 MR. MASON: Actually, that looks like a little
- 3 more.
- 4 MS. MEGGERS: But now watch what happens when you
- 5 do this again. Right here where the cursor is, is this
- 6 the main part of it right here where the cross-hair is,
- 7 where I'm moving it? Is that a main part of it?
- 8 MR. BAILEY: That's just the south end of it; is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 MR. MASON: Where is Crest?
- 11 MS. MEGGERS: Does it include--
- MS. BAILEY: Right here.
- 13 MS. MEGGERS: --all of Arrowwood or not?
- 14 MR. MASON: Arrowwood Circle.
- 15 MR. PADGETT: I don't think--
- MS. MEGGERS: See, but when I take this area do
- 17 you see what all lights up? I have to take everything
- 18 that's in the red. It's one census block.
- 19 MR. MASON: Okay.
- MS. MEGGERS: Then you have to take this one
- 21 because you can't leave it noncontiquous.
- MR. MASON: Okay. That's a little--
- MS. MEGGERS And just this part right here then is
- 24 908 people. About 1,000 people, not quite.
- MR. MASON: And then so what that does--

- 1 MS. MEGGERS: And some of it's a function of the
- 2 census geography that you can't just take the back
- 3 sides of streets. You have to get to another physical
- 4 feature.
- 5 MR. MASON: Okay. One of the notes, I think, that
- 6 we just want to make a note that that's something that
- 7 we wanted to look and see if it's feasible. But right
- 8 there, that's more than what--
- 9 MS. MEGGERS: If I add this area right here and
- 10 came all the way down, that would be 975 people.
- 11 MR. MURPHY: Is there another census tract that
- 12 you could move to another district?
- MS. MEGGERS: Sure. We could start moving and--
- 14 but one of the things I need to know is how close do I
- 15 have to stay to that 2 percent, or if you'll give me
- 16 like a 2 ½ percent range, that gives me a little bit to
- 17 play with. Because you can see how one block down here
- 18 just really throws me way over that 2 percent. So
- 19 that's--
- MR. MURPHY: Well--
- 21 MS. MEGGERS: That was some of the instruction I
- 22 needed to get from the committee today.
- MR. DAVIS: I think our rule--
- MR. MASON: Go ahead.
- MR. DAVIS: I think our real premise, Linda, was

- 1 to target 2 percent. And we knew that there was
- 2 flexibility there, plus or minus. I think today our
- 3 goal is to again establish the baseline and have
- 4 discussion, be able to have discussion about it and
- 5 then it would come back to the folks in the public and
- 6 allow them to have input as well.
- 7 MR. MASON: And that's correct. So that's one of
- 8 the discussion items that we would want to look at at
- 9 our future meeting.
- 10 MS. BAILEY: I've made note.
- MR. MASON: So if you made note of that, then
- 12 that's--
- MS. MEGGERS: So that would--because I didn't want
- 14 you to think I had just totally ignored your
- instruction to me about the 2 percent.
- 16 MR. MASON: Oh, no, no, no, no.
- MS. MEGGERS: And I think the 2 percent would be
- 18 great. If I could keep it there, it would be--but you
- 19 may need to give a little bit in order to be able to do
- 20 things like this.
- MR. MASON: And I think this is going just the way
- 22 that it should. We're going to see some things. We'll
- 23 point them out. They'll be annotated and then we'll
- 24 move on. And that's a discussion that we'll have along
- 25 with public hearings, other things that will come in,

- 1 and then we'll kind of go from there.
- MS. MEGGERS: So you can see here, for example,
- 3 that the changes that -- just making this without making
- 4 anything else to balance, that District 8 would be a
- 5 minus 3.38 percent and District 4 would be a plus 5.14,
- 6 so we'd have to take a little bit away someplace else.
- 7 But it could be adjusted, okay. But that's what
- 8 you're--on your screen you can see what those changes
- 9 would be. So right now without making any other
- 10 change, that would move District 4 to a plus 5.14 which
- 11 is too high, and District 8 would be a minus 3.38. So
- 12 just kind of keep that in mind.
- MR. PADGETT: I think a question there, just
- 14 looking at the total numbers, I know we're shifting a
- 15 lot from 4 to 5 and so on and so forth. The way it
- 16 stands now, 5 is still like 200-and-something short.
- 17 So I mean if you shifted one--
- 18 MS. MEGGERS: Right.
- MR. PADGETT: --small precinct back from 4 into 5
- 20 and then put this all in there.
- 21 MS. BAILEY: Or even to some extent a portion of a
- 22 precinct. You know, at the end of the day you hope to
- 23 include the precinct lines as much as you can. But
- 24 there are possibilities there down at a lower level,
- 25 such as census block, if it--if we need to go down to

- 1 that level.
- 2 MR. MASON: Well, let me ask this while we're on
- 3 here, just to kind of throw it out here. If the entire
- 4 one moved from 4 to 8, versus 8 to 4--
- 5 MS. MEGGERS: So you're saying take the rest of
- 6 the neighborhood that's presently in 4 and--
- 7 MR. MASON: That's right.
- 8 MS. MEGGERS: --move it 8.
- 9 MR. DOLAN: You're not contiquous, are you?
- 10 MR. PADGETT: 8 is at .51 now.
- 11 MS. MEGGERS: You have to look careful. It
- 12 depends on how you define that neighborhood. I'm
- 13 talking about this area right in here. Let's just
- 14 light up one of these blocks and see what we're dealing
- 15 with with geography. Now, that is one census block
- 16 that you see lit up. And the reason is that these are
- 17 subdivisions that back up to each other so, you know,
- 18 you've got your roads on the outside but you've got all
- 19 these streets running back and people all around there.
- 20 But for the census bureau, that is one big census
- 21 block. So you've got that one census block which is
- 22 almost 2,000 people. What you see in the red is 2,000
- 23 people in round numbers.
- MR. PADGETT: That would--
- MR. MASON: Holy Toledo, no.

- 1 MR. PADGETT: No.
- 2 MS. MEGGERS: And then you have the problem of
- 3 contiguity. We'd have to come back up into here
- 4 before--to touch the rest of 4, see, because before--
- 5 we'd have to figure out another way of getting 4
- 6 contiguous. We'd have to do that. Now, let's see this
- 7 one block here. See what lights up there, the area
- 8 that you have to deal with.
- 9 MR. MASON: Uh-huh.
- 10 MS. MEGGERS: So you're almost going back and
- 11 putting this whole precinct back into 4 to take out
- 12 this, and then we're going to have to slide 5 in
- 13 another direction to get the shortfall that it--so I
- just want y'all to--these are all pieces of the
- 15 puzzle--
- MR. MASON: Okay.
- MS. MEGGERS: --that we're going to have to juggle
- 18 as we work through this.
- 19 MR. MASON: Very good.
- MS. MEGGERS: Now, I'm not telling you you can't
- 21 do it. I'm just trying to explain to you what some of
- 22 the--somebody described this as jumping on a waterbed.
- 23 You jump down here and things push up here, and vice-
- 24 versa. That's 4, 5--let's go down here to the bottom.
- 5 is kind of--District 5 was short to begin with by 7

- 1 percent, but then it was even shorter because we took
- 2 some area from the top of it to balance out 2. So in
- 3 order--that's where we took this population up here
- 4 from 3. And that basically--we took this precinct and
- 5 this partial precinct here and that balanced out 5,
- 6 plus this precinct to the south. 4 needed to lose
- 7 population so that worked out fine for there. And 3
- 8 needed to lose a lot of population, so that worked out
- 9 there. So that's your 5. So it lost here to balance
- 10 these districts and then picked up here for the
- 11 balance. 6 was over--no, it's short. I'm sorry.
- MR. MASON: Short.
- MS. MEGGERS: It was short by 8 percent. I picked
- 14 up this one precinct here because then that helped
- balance 8 because 8 was over by as much as 6 was short.
- 16 It was 8 percent on one side and 8 percent on the
- other; that one precinct put it back into balance.
- 18 MR. PADGETT: And that brings into one precinct
- 19 where both districts--both precincts were voting at the
- 20 same place?
- 21 MS. BAILEY: That is correct. That portion of 8
- 22 that is being--that on plan 1 is moving to 6 is a split
- 23 precinct now and it would put them in District 6 with
- 24 their counterparts that vote at that same polling
- 25 place, if that was your question.

- 1 MR. PADGETT: Yes. That's perfect management, I
- 2 thought.
- 3 MS. MEGGERS: Some of the options when you start
- 4 looking of 8 and where we're going to balance it is--
- 5 part of the problem I run into is Fort Gordon. I
- 6 really have always traditionally tried to keep Fort
- 7 Gordon in two to three districts because there's a
- 8 population out there but for the most part they're non-
- 9 voting. So to put too many of them all in one district
- 10 gives a district with a whole lot of folks with not
- 11 very many voters or people that participate in the
- 12 process, et cetera. So if you spread that out over
- 13 three districts it's not really as drastic an effect on
- 14 the voting population in each of the districts. And so
- 15 that's where I run up against this on this side of 8,
- 16 which makes it very hard to shift here. Almost the
- 17 shifts have to be over to this side here. That's--now
- 18 let's talk about 7 at the other corner.
- MR. DAVIS: Can you go back to the one we're on
- 20 right now just for a moment?
- 21 MS. MEGGERS: Yes, sir.
- MR. DAVIS: So we're taking 805 and I think that
- 23 what you're saying is--
- MR. PADGETT: Right.
- 25 MR. DAVIS: --people are voting over at--

- 1 MR. PADGETT: Southside.
- 2 MR. DAVIS: --Southside Baptist Church.
- 3 MR. PADGETT: So that makes it perfect. That
- 4 would have been my recommendation too.
- 5 MR. DAVIS: So I can come back and run against Joe
- 6 Bowles.
- 7 MR. MASON: May I ask a question while we're on 6
- 8 before we move forward. I'm seeing a big chunk of 401
- 9 and 6 goes all the way around it and, if I recall, some
- 10 ten years ago it was protected because Mr. Coleclough
- 11 lived there. Of course, he's not incumbent anymore.
- 12 Is that a whole census block?
- MR. PADGETT: Oh, there's several. It's like over
- 14 300 voters.
- MS. MEGGERS: I mean this is--you're talking about
- 16 this area right here?
- 17 MR. MASON: Yeah, right.
- MS. MEGGERS: That is a huge precinct. It has
- 19 over 5000.
- MR. MASON: It is a huge precinct. Now, I want to
- 21 look strictly off Peach Orchard in what we call
- 22 Pepperidge subdivision.
- MS. MEGGERS: It's right in here?
- MR. MASON: That's pretty small.
- MR. PADGETT: You're looking at 401?

- 1 MR. MASON: Yeah, 401.
- 2 MR. PADGETT: 401.
- 3 MS. MEGGERS: Let me see what--let me see how
- 4 the--
- 5 MR. MASON: That's the only thing I have on Peach
- 6 Orchard. Everything else is 6; I don't get that.
- 7 MS. MEGGERS: Now, do you see what lit up?
- 8 MR. MASON: Wow.
- 9 MS. MEGGERS: There again, we've got a problem.
- 10 You know what, this area has been this kind of
- 11 geography and a thorn in my redistricting side for the
- 12 last two go-arounds. This geography has not changed
- and immediately you didn't have to tell me about this.
- 14 I knew what was going to happen when I lassoed this in.
- 15 This has been a continuing problem. You take it all or
- 16 you take nothing.
- 17 MR. PADGETT: How many people?
- MS. MEGGERS: Just for what I have lassoed there
- in the red that's 4800 people, so that's one of those
- 20 things where, you know, you just--have to take all of
- 21 it or you take none of it because of the census
- 22 geography. Again, it's very limited.
- MR. MASON: Now, I see why it's going all the way
- 24 around it. Clearly it's a good thing.
- MS. MEGGERS: Remember a couple weeks ago when I

- 1 told you about the plus or minus five percent and the
- 2 first reason the court named was that they were going
- 3 to give larger deviation ranges allowable to local
- 4 government was because of census geography and the
- 5 limitations there sometimes. And you have just seen
- 6 two or three prime examples of that in the last ten
- 7 minutes.
- 8 MR. MASON: That's hefty.
- 9 MR. PADGETT: But we could swap this for this,
- 10 which would be about the same number.
- 11 MR. MASON: 601 for 401?
- MR. PADGETT: Uh-huh.
- MS. MEGGERS: Now, District 7 falls--it was one of
- 14 those districts that -- in fact, I think it was one of
- 15 the only or the only district that probably did not
- 16 have to be touched at all. It sits up here in the
- 17 corner with the Savannah River and South Carolina on
- one side and Columbia County on the other. It's
- 19 slightly over. The most reasonable place to take that
- 20 deviation down below 2 percent is to come out here
- 21 across Bobby Jones and take this triangle and put it
- 22 into District 3. But let's see what that does. It
- 23 takes the district up to a plus 2.54 which is not large
- 24 and it makes District 7 a plus 1.21. But basically
- 25 you've just swapped the deviations; you've gone from a

- 1 district that is 2.41 and swapped it to another one,
- 2 which means if we were going to do that and you saved
- 3 maybe 2 percent we'd have to find someplace else to
- 4 take out of 3. So that's why I left that alone until I
- 5 could show the committee and get some kind of
- 6 instruction from you guys. And right now it's all on
- 7 whole precincts and it's--you know, so far it's pretty
- 8 clean and I understand we're going to have to make some
- 9 adjustments before we get to a final plan after
- 10 whatever. But then that's what I was dealing with and
- 11 why I left it alone until I could talk with you.
- MR. MURPHY: Let's look at it again. Let's look
- 13 at that again, please. I was distracted. What were
- 14 those stats that you just gave us on 7?
- MS. MEGGERS: Okay. Look on your screen there in
- 16 front of you. Right here let me explain to you what
- 17 you're seeing. This is something that comes up with
- 18 what they call pending changes. This is the number of
- 19 people I was moving; this would be the new--this is
- 20 your average. The deviation--let me find it. Right
- 21 here. District 3 would be a plus 2.54 and District 7
- 22 would then go down to a plus 1.21. So you're trading,
- 23 in this instance, without further adjustments a 2.41
- for a 2.54 so that's--didn't seem--and that's one
- 25 district that sits in a corner. It's the right size.

- 1 And I don't know about growth and what's happening out
- 2 in that area. I mean I know ten years ago that that
- 3 was added to District 7 when we were drawing it to give
- 4 that district a room for growth because it's pretty
- 5 much hemmed in and the rest of it, when you go back
- 6 over toward the river and the county line, is pretty
- 7 much built in. There's not going to be a whole lot of
- 8 additional growth from them to expand. So I mean
- 9 that's just something for the committee--
- 10 MR. BRIGHAM: There hasn't been a lot of growth
- 11 but it's still--
- 12 MS. MEGGERS: --to think about.
- 13 MR. BRIGHAM: --some potential for growth.
- MR. MURPHY: Let me just ask for information
- 15 purposes. Considering the commissioner from District 3
- is term-limited, is that 307? It's a complete
- 17 precinct. Am I correct? And you're trying to add some
- 18 population to District 2. Is it not possible to add
- 19 precinct 307 to District 2?
- 20 MS. MEGGERS: Instead of--I mean are we talking
- 21 about--okay. Tell me which precinct I'm looking at
- 22 again.
- MR. MURPHY: 307. You're looking at eliminating--
- 24 adding 309 to District 3.
- MS. BAILEY: So what you're saying with District 2

- 1 is instead of--
- 2 MR. MURPHY: No, 307. I beg your pardon?
- 3 MS. BAILEY: I think what you're saying is as far
- 4 as District 2 goes, instead of adding--you're talking
- 5 about adding 307 to District 2 or District 1?
- 6 MR. MURPHY: District 2. District 2.
- 7 MR. DOLAN: You can't do that.
- 8 MR. MURPHY: Isn't District 2 bordering--
- 9 MS. DOLAN: Uh-uh.
- MS. MEGGERS: Is it this precinct here where we're
- 11 talking about?
- MR. DOLAN: 307 is that far right one.
- 13 MS. MEGGERS: That precinct presently is
- 14 completely surrounded by District 1. It is a horseshoe
- 15 there.
- MR. BRIGHAM: Ms. Meggers, while y'all are talking
- 17 about that I think that would make a major difference
- in Summerville and that is very much a community of
- 19 interest as any other community of interest. And I
- 20 don't think we want to do that.
- MR. DOLAN: Up in the top left corner of District
- 7 isn't there a bunch of apartments where students live
- 23 where we're talking about, left of--on the south side
- 24 of T20.
- MS. MEGGERS: This area right here?

- 1 MR. DOLAN: Yes.
- 2 MR. BRIGHAM: No. That's mostly--and residential.
- 3 It isn't any apartments.
- 4 MS. MEGGERS: There's not many people out there;
- 5 there's only 700.
- 6 MR. DOLAN: I don't even know where--I just
- 7 thought that was all businesses out there.
- 8 MS. MEGGERS: Pardon me?
- 9 MR. BRIGHAM: No. It--you've got a residential
- 10 subdivision back there behind Pepsi-Cola plant.
- 11 MR. DOLAN: Okay.
- MR. BRIGHAM: And it goes all the way up into
- 13 there. The bulk of it is the McKnight property where
- 14 CarMax is and the--I would think you would want to
- 15 leave that in District 7 to have--where you're thinking
- 16 about the growth on the apartments is over on Skinner
- 17 Mill.
- 18 MR. DOLAN: I just didn't think there was many
- 19 people living up there.
- MR. BRIGHAM: There isn't an awful lot but there's
- 21 more vacant--the problem is District 7 is landlocked
- 22 and built out if you eliminate this part of it.
- MS. MEGGERS: Anyway, this is a working plan.
- 24 It's a suggestion of a beginning point.

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- 1 MR. BRIGHAM: Mr. Chairman, I'm sure there's going
- 2 to be other people that are going to want to make
- 3 suggestions, various tweaks. I guess we can forward
- 4 those in second measures or what.
- 5 MR. MASON: That's a whole separate--
- 6 MR. BRIGHAM: I mean members of the committee may
- 7 want to make--
- 8 MR. MASON: No. We'll--and we'll address this
- 9 after we get finished with this part. But we have A
- 10 specific way that we'll do that before she even gets
- 11 all of this. We're just pointing out what we see here
- 12 today and then we'll have another meeting of us before
- 13 we even get anything back to her, so that we can pass
- out what we talked about in the open meetings and any
- other things, maps or any other thing that someone
- 16 wants to bring in at that point. But today we just
- 17 wanted to kind of focus on.
- MS. MEGGERS: I think we kind of covered 8 when we
- 19 were down there to the south when we talked about the
- 20 one precinct switch between 6 and 8. If there's any
- 21 other questions about that, otherwise I think I pretty
- 22 much made all the comments on the plan that I have to
- 23 make.
- MS. BAILEY: Mr. Chair, there's been a request
- 25 that we look at District 8 with a split--not the split

- 1 but the moving of that precinct. So if I may, I'll
- 2 just say that the portion of District 8 that's being
- 3 proposed or that's in plan 1 to move into District 6,
- 4 is that portion those voters in District 8 who were
- 5 voting and who currently vote at the Southside Baptist
- 6 Church?
- 7 MR. MASON: Uh-huh.
- 8 MS. BAILEY: So anything that was not--there is no
- 9 new split or division there in any neighborhood
- 10 whatsoever in District 8. The area that's being moved
- 11 was already going to a separate polling place and what-
- 12 have-you.
- MR. MASON: Is that true?
- MR. PADGETT: Yeah. Oh, yeah. It's the perfect
- 15 match-up.
- MR. MASON: Okay.
- MS. BAILEY: So just for clarification purposes,
- 18 the triangle that you see on your screen kind of in the
- 19 center, that is the precinct 805 boundaries, the
- 20 current precinct 805 that in plan 1 is moving to
- 21 District 6.
- MR. MASON: So there's really no confusion there
- 23 in terms of the folks that live out there.
- MS. BAILEY: It's just that--
- MR. MASON: As far as where they would normally

- 1 vote and that sort of thing.
- MS. BAILEY: No. Exactly. The polling place does
- 3 not change. That portion of former District 8 would be
- 4 represented now in District 6. That would be the
- 5 change.
- 6 MR. MASON: Questions/comments?
- 7 MR. PADGETT: I'll just comment on that that
- 8 you've got only a one percent variation in racial
- 9 makeup and everything with that move, one percent
- 10 either way. That keeps everything pretty well in
- 11 balance.
- MS. MEGGERS: Basically, the way I describe it,
- 13 it's a maintenance plan.
- MR. DAVIS: You know, it really cleans that up
- 15 because--
- 16 MR. PADGETT: It does.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: --the folks over on Old Waynesboro
- 18 were in 6. A portion were in 6 anyway.
- MR. PADGETT: So this was the creation of a board
- 20 member last time around that left that out.
- MR. MASON: It cleans that up. It's unfortunate
- 22 we haven't been able to clean up everything 'cause we
- 23 still have some outstanding issues that we'll look at
- 24 and see if we can address them at some point. I think
- 25 we've noted that. Is there anything else at this point

- 1 that we want to note for Lynn as we--for our next
- 2 meeting? The one thing that we didn't want to see
- 3 without the committee members having an opportunity to
- 4 see what issues people had--Mr. Brigham, in reference
- 5 you said--you know, as far as just emailing stuff to
- 6 Ms. Meggers then it does not come through the committee
- 7 and the committee doesn't get an opportunity to see
- 8 what somebody's issue may be. We will address that at
- 9 our next meeting; we've just got to get the date and
- 10 stuff put together of any issues that we've had that we
- 11 didn't identify at this particular meeting. And those
- 12 will have an opportunity to come in as well, so.
- 13 Is that it, Ms. Meggers, for you?
- MS. MEGGERS: Yes, sir.
- MR. MASON: Does anyone have any more questions of
- 16 Ms. Meggers on that portion? We've actually gone into
- 17 the discussion of that draft plan. I think we've
- 18 identified a couple of--two or three issues, maybe, I
- 19 think I heard that we identified. And if committee
- 20 members have some other issues after looking closer at
- 21 this, I know I've kind of lost some of the issues I
- 22 thought about because of the census block. It's more
- 23 than a block. In my mind, I think a block was more
- 24 like three subdivisions and that makes a huge
- 25 difference in terms of what you can do or can't do.

- 1 MS. BAILEY: Mr. Chair, if I may before we move on
- 2 to the item--
- 3 MR. MASON: Yes.
- 4 MS. BAILEY: --may I just recap the things?
- 5 MR. MASON: Please.
- 6 MS. BAILEY: The points of interest that we want
- 7 to make sure are addressed as I have them. We want to
- 8 correct your address on the--
- 9 MR. MASON: Absolutely.
- 10 MS. BAILEY: We'll get that. We want to look at
- 11 that dividing line between 4 and 8 over by Fort Gordon
- 12 between 807 and 406 and Sand Ridge.
- 13 MR. MASON: Yes.
- 14 MS. BAILEY: We want to also look at that triangle
- 15 that's to the south of I20 in District 7 between 7 and
- 16 3.
- 17 MR. MASON: Yes.
- MS. BAILEY: That's what I have on my notes.
- MR. MASON: I thought there was one more. Well,
- does not anyone remember anything else? I guess that's
- 21 it.
- MR. MURPHY: No. There's probably going to be
- 23 some additional--
- MR. MASON: Yeah. And that's what I'm saying.
- 25 I'm sure there probably will be as we look at it. It's

- 1 kind of hard to get it all out here today.
- 2 MS. BAILEY: Thank you.
- 3 MR. MASON: I appreciate that, Lynn. If we can
- 4 just go ahead and move on to other business. We need
- 5 approval of the minutes from the 9/20--September 20th,
- 6 2011 meeting so I will look for a motion for approval
- 7 of the minutes.
- 8 MS. SIMS: So move.
- 9 MR. BARNES: Second.
- 10 MR. MASON: We've got a motion of second. Any
- 11 further discussion? Hearing none, we--all yeas. Nays.
- 12 All right, that measure passes.
- The discussion on public hearings. We've come up
- 14 with some suggested public hearing dates to be held and
- 15 that was basically done. Lynn did a great job in terms
- 16 of calling around the various areas. We looked at
- 17 three public meetings being held, both west, downtown
- and in the south Augusta area. And what we're looking
- 19 at is trying to have that meeting as early as next week
- 20 while this information is fresh so it does not linger.
- 21 We have a date for Wednesday, October 12th, at Warren
- 22 Road. That would take care of the west area. All
- 23 meetings would be held at six o'clock to give
- 24 individuals an opportunity to come after work if
- 25 they're working, or even if they're not during that

- 1 period of time at 6:00 p.m. We also looked at
- 2 Thursday, October 13th, right here in the Board of
- 3 Education auditorium or, actually, probably--I don't
- 4 know the other one.
- 5 MR. BARNES: Public hearing?
- 6 MR. MASON: Public hearing. This would be a
- 7 public hearing.
- 8 MR. BARNES: Probably best in here.
- 9 MR. MASON: Right here, October 13th. That would
- 10 be 6:00 p.m. so--and then Monday, October 17th, either
- 11 Diamond Lakes or Bernie Ward. Both of those areas are
- 12 available and I would, you know, be glad to hear any
- 13 discussion. Lynn, did you have something to add to
- 14 that?
- MS. BAILEY: No, sir.
- MR. MASON: Okay. So we have Wednesday, October
- 17 12th, Warren Road. Thursday, October 13th, the Board
- 18 of Education auditorium right here. And then Monday,
- 19 October 17th--
- MR. BRIGHAM: I would prefer not to have a public
- 21 hearing on Wednesday night with it being a church
- 22 night.
- MR. MASON: And you won't be here Thursday because
- 24 it's a church night.
- MR. PADGETT: No, I won't be here Monday.

- 1 MR. MASON: Oh, Monday.
- 2 MR. PADGETT: I've got the first two covered but I
- 3 don't have--
- 4 MR. BRIGHAM: I would prefer it not to be on
- 5 Wednesday night the 12th.
- 6 MR. MASON: I think it's--I do think it's
- 7 important to note--and I think, Lynn, did you check to
- 8 see if there were alternate dates? I know there were
- 9 some that were filled.
- 10 MR. BAILEY: As far as--
- 11 MR. BRIGHAM: There is also a public hearing on
- 12 the smoking ordinance on the 13th that's already been
- 13 scheduled.
- MR. PADGETT: That's ten o'clock in the morning.
- 15 MR. MASON: Yeah. That's not--that's not 6:00 in
- 16 the evening.
- MR. PADGETT: There's one of the 17th at 6:00 p.m.
- 18 MR. MASON: The 17th?
- MR. PADGETT: The 17th is at 6:00 p.m. at Julian
- 20 Smith. The 13th is 10:00 a.m. at the Commission
- 21 Chambers.
- MR. MASON: Well, this is really--it really kind
- of drives the next committee meeting, so.
- MS. BAILEY: Let me just add in, too, as we go
- 25 into next week we know that Monday is not a good day

- 1 for the Augusta Commission because you have your
- 2 regularly-scheduled committee meetings.
- 3 MR. MASON: Check.
- 4 MS. BAILEY: We know that Tuesday is not a good
- 5 day for the Board of Education because you have your
- 6 regularly-scheduled committee meetings. So we start
- 7 whittling down the days in such manner and we're a
- 8 little bit limited now. I have--I've only checked
- 9 these facilities as far out as the 17th. I haven't
- 10 checked Monday the 17th. I haven't checked on any of
- 11 the facilities on other days next week or the following
- 12 week, but I believe Tuesday the 18th--
- 13 MR. PADGETT: Is a regular meeting.
- MS. BAILEY: --is a general meeting date for both
- 15 the Commission and the school.
- 16 MR. MASON: That's correct.
- 17 MR. PADGETT: Correct.
- MR. MASON: So that's a day gone there.
- MR. PADGETT: The only other date was like the
- 20 20th, if we're going out that far.
- MR. MASON: And then that only takes care--well,
- 22 first of all, we'd have to see if that was available
- 23 and then that only takes care of one. The reason there
- 24 was three--we're trying to get to each area so that no
- one can feel that they were left out of the process and

- 1 ensure for--from the Department of Justice standpoint
- 2 and the guidelines that we're meeting that and giving
- 3 the public an opportunity to come out and be a part of
- 4 the process so we don't have a north side, if you will.
- 5 So that's why we have the three separate meetings that
- 6 cover each area and thought that that would be a good
- 7 way to go instead of requiring folks to all go out to
- 8 Warren Road or all come downtown or all go all the way
- 9 out to south Augusta. So does anyone have any issues
- 10 with the fact that we looked at three separate spots to
- 11 cover the County? Because we're going to somehow--and
- 12 this isn't a requirement. And let me say this: it's
- 13 not a requirement necessarily that each committee
- 14 member be there if this is a public forum. Certainly
- 15 everyone is welcome and are free to come but it's not
- that every single committee member needs to be at every
- 17 single public hearing in order for us to get these
- 18 dates put together. Yes, sir.
- MR. DOLAN: Mr. Chairman, would it possible to
- 20 have two meetings simultaneously so that the areas that
- 21 are concerned like--I suspect not many people in
- 22 District 7 are going to go to the meeting in District 3
- or 6 or something. And I don't know if you could have
- 24 two meetings simultaneously and split the group in two
- or if that would cause any problems in any way.

- 1 MS. BAILEY: I think it would with staff.
- 2 MR. MASON: Staff.
- 3 MS. BAILEY: I think it would with staff. If we
- 4 need to be there to help present the plan in any way,
- 5 then that would pose a problem. And especially if the
- 6 committee decides they want Ms. Meggers to be a part of
- 7 it.
- 8 MR. MASON: That's where the problem lies. We're
- 9 willing to look at anything. We just have to come up
- 10 with something.
- 11 MS. BAILEY: Now as far as--
- MR. MASON: Absolutely, right. Right. So--
- MS. BAILEY: As far as the public hearing on the
- 14 17th, what was that one for?
- MR. BRIGHAM: No smoking ordinance.
- MS. BAILEY: The no smoking ordinance. And I may
- 17 be out of line saying this, so pardon me if I am. But
- 18 there are other public hearings on this matter that
- 19 people could come to, so if there's a conflict with
- 20 that public hearing on that date then they could come
- 21 to a different public hearing for redistricting if they
- 22 chose to do that, because you are given choices on
- 23 which ones you'd like to come to. And again, I
- 24 apologize if I'm out of order saying that.
- MR. MASON: Well, no, you're not. But there's--

- 1 and you make a good point. It's difficult with
- 2 everyone's schedules and everyone's working and busy
- 3 and everything. It's difficult for it to work out to
- 4 where everyone can be at every single one at that time.
- 5 We all know that we do have things going on. But you
- 6 make a good point because there are three areas. Even
- 7 though, you know, I quote-unquote represent south
- 8 Augusta, this is actually for the entire city. So I
- 9 mean I could easily go to Warren Road if I needed to or
- 10 downtown if I actually want to make one of the public
- 11 hearings. So at--and the reason why these are so
- 12 important is because it drives when our next committee
- meeting is, because that's when we will take the
- 14 public's input and then we've got our own input. And
- 15 then we can begin to devise whatever it is that we're
- 16 going to shoot to Linda to be able to do what she needs
- 17 to do to bring back a map based on that.
- 18 Yes, sir.
- MR. DOLAN: Mr. Chairman, could you stack-rank the
- 20 districts that are going to be impacted the most and
- 21 let's focus on those dates first.
- MR. MASON: Well, when you say the most, it looks
- on the criteria that you're looking at--now, if you're
- looking at in terms of who is losing the most and who's
- 25 gaining the most or are you looking at--I mean what

- 1 criteria, because that's-that--
- 2 MR. DOLAN: It looks like to me the most dramatic
- 3 moves would probably pull the most public forum
- 4 interest.
- 5 MR. MASON: Well, 3 is going to lose almost 5,000
- 6 so that's--
- 7 MR. PADGETT: It's the first five precincts.
- 8 MR. MASON: And 4 is going to lose 4,000 and some
- 9 change.
- MR. DOLAN: So they touch. I think 3 and 4 may be
- 11 the most--
- 12 MR. MASON: Right.
- 13 MR. DOLAN: --important. That's what I'm trying
- 14 to say.
- MR. MASON: Now, 1 is going to gain almost—a
- 16 little over 4,000.
- 17 MR. DOLAN: I think maybe stack-rank the
- 18 movements--
- MR. MASON: So that affects--
- MR. DOLAN: --because 7 doesn't care, I don't
- 21 think. They're not looking at anything.
- MR. MASON: Don't say that, Frank.
- MR. BRIGHAM: I don't think--I agree with you. 7
- 24 may not care but I do believe District 3 will care.
- MR. BRIGHAM: And I'm thinking he's talking about

- 1 a west Augusta hearing, not for District 7 but for
- 2 District -- and anybody else in that general area to
- 3 come. I would think that since 3 is probably more
- 4 affected than 7, rather than even having it at Warren
- 5 Road you might want to have it at Sue Reynolds or
- 6 somewhere out that way where more people are going to
- 7 be more adversely affected by the District changes.
- 8 MR. MURPHY: As a matter of fact, what are the
- 9 numbers for precinct 309?
- 10 MR. DOLAN: It's just Alex Howard. Who cares.
- MR. MASON: What was your question, Quincy?
- MR. MURPHY: I was asking the numbers for precinct
- 13 309.
- MS. BAILEY: 309 being the district that's
- 15 moving, that is--
- MR. MURPHY: Is that going to 4 or is that going
- 17 to 5?
- MS. BAILEY: 309 is going to 5 along with that
- 19 piece of 310 which is a Sue Reynolds area.
- MR. MURPHY: 310 is going up?
- 21 MS. BAILEY: A piece of it. That piece that
- 22 Belair Road--
- MS. MEGGERS: Wrightsboro to Belair.
- MS. BAILEY: Heading, I guess, west down Belair
- 25 Road to Dyess and then south down Dyess Parkway. And

- 1 then just to the right of that on the other side of
- 2 Bobby Jones, that little area there that's Wylds Road
- 3 and I guess it's that area just east of Augusta Mall is
- 4 the area that is, according to plan 1, to go into
- 5 District 5. And 307 that we were talking about earlier
- 6 is a precinct that's all the way at the far, far end of
- 7 the District down in the Summerville area by Augusta
- 8 State University and down by the Partridge Inn and Bon
- 9 Air and all that.
- MR. MASON: Let me kind of say something at this
- 11 point so that we can see--make sure that we're looking
- 12 at the bigger picture. When you look at it from a time
- 13 line standpoint and what needs to be done in order to
- 14 meet our guidelines, one of the things that we looked
- 15 at is striving to, if in any way possible, to complete
- 16 this work prior to the first week or around the first
- 17 week of December, okay, in order to get ample time for
- 18 the legislative council to draw up the bill. And then
- once the bill is drawn up, the bill can be introduced
- 20 to the General Assembly or by a local delegation signed
- 21 by the Governor and then enacted into law. Once the
- 22 signed legislation is received we can send our
- 23 submission to the Department of Justice for pre-
- 24 clearance. So there's a lot of steps in the process
- and we want to ensure that we're doing this in a timely

- 1 fashion so that there's no delays and our State
- 2 legislative delegation can do what they need to do to
- 3 move this through the process, at the same time
- 4 ensuring that we're dotting our Is and crossing our Ts
- 5 when it comes to Department of Justice in giving ample
- 6 opportunity for public input and to be a part of the
- 7 process. So that's why the meetings were coming up
- 8 rather quickly. There's a lot of things that we took
- 9 into consideration: committee meetings for both the
- 10 commission and the school board. Commission meetings.
- 11 People are just, you know, going on vacation, sick,
- 12 whatever the case may be. So some kind of way today
- 13 it's my hope that we can come up with some plan as we
- 14 move forward so that we can see--meet the bigger
- 15 picture time line of ensuring that we get this to you
- 16 guys and you can go ahead and move forward with it in a
- 17 timely fashion.
- 18 MR. MURPHY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to suggest
- 19 that we heavily consider Sue Reynolds as Commissioner
- 20 Brigham has mentioned. You're looking at precinct 310.
- 21 It's actually one of the fastest growing areas in the
- 22 County and I think it would be important for those
- 23 citizens in that community to have an opportunity to
- 24 see that their precinct is actually being split. And
- 25 as a matter of fact Ms. Meggers--I'm really concerned

- 1 now that I've had a chance to look at this again. I'm
- 2 really concerned about precinct 310 actually being
- 3 split in such a major way.
- 4 MR. MASON: And that is a concern. It's twofold.
- 5 If you could put that on the list of concerns, Lynn, as
- 6 we move forward. And then I'm not sure--if I could get
- 7 some clarity, Jack. You said as far as getting schools
- 8 to--I don't know what they have going on during--
- 9 MR. PADGETT: I don't see a problem there--
- 10 MR. MASON: Basketball games. I don't know what
- 11 they--
- 12 MR. PADGETT: --at 6:00 p.m.
- MS. BAILEY: Where? The Sue Reynolds school?
- 14 MR. PADGETT: Right.
- MR. MASON: Is there any games--
- MS. BAILEY: Those auditoriums—
- MR. MASON: --or anything? Well, it's football
- 18 season.
- 19 MS. BAILEY: --sure make for good meeting rooms.
- 20 MR. PADGETT: What?
- 21 MS. BAILEY: The school auditorium sure made for
- 22 good meeting rooms because they have the audiovisual
- 23 stuff all set up.
- MR. PADGETT: Right.
- MS. BAILEY: It really does make for a good space.

- 1 MR. PADGETT: Well, the other question that Jerry
- 2 brought up was having it on a Wednesday night. Would
- 3 there be a major problem in moving that one to the
- 4 20th?
- 5 MR. MASON: Wednesday nights are terrible nights,
- 6 though.
- 7 MR. PADGETT: Well, Thursday night the 20th would
- 8 give us some time and then we could meet the following
- 9 week.
- MR. MASON: So am I hearing you say that there is
- 11 no issues with the 13th, the Board of Education that we
- 12 have in the auditorium?
- 13 MR. PADGETT: That's already set in this room.
- 14 MR. MASON: So let's see what we have set. And
- 15 you're saying Monday the 17th Diamond Lakes. I know
- 16 you're saying there's a smoking ordinance but, again,
- 17 those that don't need to be there don't show up.
- 18 MR. PADGETT: That's expected to be basically
- 19 businesses. They're figuring that the public would
- 20 come to the 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse and
- 21 businesses would go to the 17th at Julian Smith. I'm
- 22 part of that group that's holding that hearing, so.
- 23 MS. BAILEY: So stick with Diamond Lakes on the
- 24 17th.
- MR. MASON: I would say we stick with Diamond

- 1 Lakes on the 17th. Is there any issues with that, any
- 2 Board members? Because, like I said, some--everybody
- 3 doesn't--
- 4 MR. BRIGHAM: There's the 20th--could the 20th
- 5 work for the other hearing then?
- 6 MS. BAILEY: And then shall I get with the School
- 7 Board to see if Sue Reynolds auditorium--
- 8 MR. MASON: Well, they're sitting here.
- 9 MR. PADGETT: I don't see a reason we couldn't do
- 10 the 20th at Sue Reynolds.
- 11 MS. BAILEY: Can I get one of you fine School
- 12 Board representatives to let me know if your facility
- 13 is available.
- 14 MR. BARNES: He can tell you.
- MS. BAILEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Padgett.
- 16 MR. MASON: So if in fact—if in fact we were able
- 17 to do Sue Reynolds on the 20th, when we look at that
- 18 next week to have--the week following that to have our
- 19 next committee meeting. I know Ms. Sims is going to be
- 20 out of the net till around the 25th or so, which is a
- 21 Tuesday. We could meet as early as the 26th of October
- 22 or 27th. The 26th is a Wednesday and--
- 23 MR. PADGETT: 27th, I believe--
- 24 MR. MASON: --the 27th is a Thursday. If that
- 25 meets--I don't know what your schedules are like but

- 1 it's getting tight trying--
- 2 Yes, sir.
- 3 MR. DAVIS: Mr. Chairman and members of the
- 4 committee, can we go back. Those two proposed dates
- 5 are the 17th and the 20th? Is that what I'm hearing?
- 6 MR. MASON: For--
- 7 MR. DAVIS: For the public hearings.
- 8 MR. PADGETT: No. Public hearing--
- 9 MR. MASON: Public hearing is the 13th. That's
- 10 the 13th right here in the Board of Education
- 11 auditorium, a Thursday. And then we have Monday,
- 12 October 17th, at Diamond Lakes or Bernie Ward. Both of
- 13 those places were available.
- 14 MR. DAVIS: Okay.
- 15 MR. MASON: And if it looks--
- MR. DAVIS: Well, there are some people affected
- in there, so.
- MS. BAILEY: If I can work it out to get a school
- 19 auditorium instead of either one of those gyms, would
- 20 this--would anybody have an objection to that? Because
- 21 it really is a good setting. If I use one of the gyms
- then we do have to bring in our own audiovisual
- 23 equipment and microphones and all that stuff. And if
- 24 we can get an auditorium that's all set up.
- MR. DAVIS: I think in each case you want to get

- 1 an auditorium.
- 2 MR. MASON: You have several out there. I mean
- 3 Tobacco Road Elementary. I mean Diamond Lakes
- 4 Elementary.
- 5 MR. PADGETT: I was going to say they're all right
- 6 together.
- 7 MR. MASON: They're all right--there's about four
- 8 or five right close.
- 9 MS. BAILEY: An auditorium would be preferable,
- 10 okay.
- MR. DAVIS: One additional thing. I think this is
- 12 really more just a comment than anything in
- 13 relationship to the dates. Back to what the chairman
- 14 indicated earlier. I think our posture in terms of the
- 15 committee and its work would be to try to bring this to
- include the public hearings, to closure by at the
- 17 latest perhaps the third week of November, at the
- 18 latest. I would prefer prior to that time, but at the
- 19 latest. We don't convene until of course the second
- 20 Monday in January and our posture would be from the
- 21 legislative perspective is that we would be able to go
- 22 back, have any other discussion we might need to have
- 23 and draft legislation. But the posture in the general
- 24 assembly will be such that January up until generally
- 25 that Thursday, a couple of weeks in February, are going

- 1 to be focused on local redistricting stuff and any
- 2 other things that we might have to deal. That's the
- 3 posture right now.
- 4 MR. MASON: Well, that's certainly great. We
- 5 looked at the 1st as being the absolute drop-dead time
- 6 frame and to be done sooner than that would be great.
- 7 I mean if we want to look at the third week of November
- 8 as being our target date to be completed with this
- 9 process, I certainly would--
- 10 MR. BRIGHAM: The second week probably would be
- 11 easier done on our schedules.
- MR. MASON: I certainly don't have any problem
- 13 with it. I mean that means these issues that we
- 14 currently know that we--we're going to look at and then
- 15 those that may be brought forth, we've got to take all
- 16 that into consideration at the same time, those
- 17 particular issues we may bring to be looked at. So
- 18 certainly I don't have any problem with that, Senator,
- 19 and we can finish sorting the map and that's great.
- 20 But that means we've got to get these meetings in, so
- 21 that takes me back to the point of our next committee
- 22 meeting, which will be after--yes, sir.
- MR. BARNES: Did you settle on three? I don't
- 24 have-
- MR. MASON: Yes, sir. It's Thursday, October 13th

- 1 at Board of Education auditorium; Monday, October 17th,
- 2 we're going to get a school for that; and then-
- 3 MS. BAILEY: Southside.
- 4 MR. MASON: Southside, okay.
- 5 MS. BAILEY: I mean southside area.
- 6 MR. MASON: In the southside area. And then the
- 7 20th.
- 8 MR. PADGETT: Would be Sue Reynolds.
- 9 MR. MASON: Sue Reynolds.
- MR. PADGETT: And then I would recommend the 27th
- 11 for our next committee meeting.
- MR. MASON: 27th has been recommended for the next
- 13 committee meeting. Is the 27th--
- 14 MR. BRIGHAM: In the afternoon, I hope.
- 15 MR. MASON: Yes.
- MR. PADGETT: 6:00 o'clock meeting, right?
- 17 MR. MASON: Committee meeting?
- 18 MR. PADGETT: Oh, no. I'm sorry. 2:00.
- MR. DOLAN: Do we want to have a broad discussion
- 20 in each of the three meetings so we're talking about 3,
- 21 5, and 6 and 1 or whatever the different ones are and
- 22 be prepared to talk about different--different points
- of interest at those meetings and you may could get rid
- 24 of one of them, or at least shorten the time up. At
- least have several topics that same night.

- 1 MS. BAILEY: I think, unless I'm wrong, that any--
- 2 any of the three public hearings that are being
- 3 proposed, any issue in any part of the city would be
- 4 available to be commented on at any of those meetings.
- 5 MR. DOLAN: So we're not limiting discussion?
- 6 MS. BAILEY: No, no.
- 7 MR. MASON: No.
- 8 MS. BAILEY: We're not limiting discussion.
- 9 MR. PADGETT: Public hearing.
- MR. MASON: Just trying to make sure we're dotting
- 11 I's and crossing T's when it goes up, you know, that
- we've shown the ability or the opportunity for anyone
- 13 to come and speak to any issues.
- MS. BAILEY: And as far as this meeting on the
- 15 27th, the Committee meeting, is this a good venue? Are
- 16 we comfortable working in this room?
- 17 MR. PADGETT: I believe it's perfect.
- MR. MASON: Let's leave it as it is, then. If we
- 19 don't need to--we could grow but certainly.
- MR. BARNES: Are we going to meet here?
- MR. MASON: Yes.
- MS. BAILEY: And I just confirmed with Ms.
- 23 Meggers' schedule too that she would be available on
- 24 the 27th. So if that is the wish of the Committee, I
- 25 think we can get that worked out.

- 1 MR. MASON: Well, I think we have a path forward.
- 2 We discussed public hearings. Lynn, you mentioned
- 3 about a demonstration of the website.
- 4 MS. BAILEY: I did. No demonstration, just let me
- 5 give you a little briefing on what--what we're soon to
- 6 put out. There will be a local redistricting website
- 7 available from Augusta's homepage and from that website
- 8 the public will be able to go in and look at the stats
- 9 and the maps that you have in your materials, the PDF
- 10 files of those maps, for the existing plans and for
- 11 this plan one and also any subsequent plans that are
- 12 developed. They'll be posted out there but one of the
- 13 best things about the website is there will also be a
- 14 nice area for public input and comments. And all that
- information will be recorded and passed on to the
- 16 committee in some organized manner. So that should be
- 17 available I'm hoping maybe as early as tomorrow to have
- 18 that site up and running. When I know the definite
- 19 date--we're run into one small little hurdle we're
- 20 trying to overcome now, but when we get it up and a
- 21 date I will let the committee know and we'll be doing
- 22 press releases and whatnot to make sure that the public
- 23 is aware of it.
- Also, while I'm on the subject of press releases,
- 25 I'll take care of advertising the public hearings and

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               MR. MASON:
                            Thank you. Is there any further
          business to come before--
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               MR. PADGETT: Let me just make a comment.
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          Ms. Meggers and Lynn have both done an outstanding job
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          of bringing this to us. You can crunch numbers all day
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          but that turned out real easy.
               MR. MASON: Thank you.
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               MR. BARNES: Move to adjourn.
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